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COUNTY VET WARNS PET OWNERS ABOUT CANNED FOOD RECALL ***Pet Food Recall Involves Dozens of Brands Made By Menu Foods; Several Dogs and Cats Die***

The County Veterinarian is alerting all pet owners about a major recall affecting 60 million containers of wet pet food sold at Wal-Mart, PetSmart Inc., Safeway, Kroger and other store brands. Dry food is currently not affected.

The contaminated food is believed to be responsible for the death of 10 dogs and cats from kidney failure. So far, there have been no reported cat or dog deaths in San Diego related to this recall. The recall affects 40 cat and 48 dog food labels which include Iams, Nutro and Eukanuba.

"We want to make sure that the word gets out to pet owners to be aware of the risk of these foods. The FDA is not sure what toxin or ingredient is making these pets sick, but we can conduct an animal autopsy to assist in tracing the contamination," said County Veterinarian Dr. Nikos Gurfield. "If your pet is vomiting, has a loss of appetite or is lethargic, please seek veterinary care immediately. We are available to help answer questions and we ask that veterinarians report suspected or confirmed cases to us."

The County's Department of Environmental Health is voluntarily calling corporate headquarters of retail stores to make them aware of the recall, but the Department has no responsibility for overseeing inspections of pet food.

According to Menu Foods, the recalled products include wheat gluten (a protein) purchased from a new supplier that has since been replaced. The recall covers "cuts and gravy" style food which consists of chunks of meat in gravy, sold in cans and small foil pouches with the dates between Dec. 3 and March 6 throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The recall covers pet food made at company plants in Emporia, Kansas, and Pennsauken, New Jersey.

For a complete listing of recalled products, along with their product codes, descriptions and production dates, visit Menu Foods Web site at www.menufoods.com or see attached list below.

To contact the County Veterinarian's Office to report a sick or deceased pet that you think may have been affected by the contamination, call 858-694-2838.

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Recalled Cat Product Information

Recall Information 1-866-
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1. [Americas Choice,
Preferred Pets](#)
2. [Authority](#)
3. [Best Choice](#)
4. [Companion](#)
5. [Compliments](#)
6. [Demoulas Market
Basket](#)
7. [Eukanuba](#)
8. [Fine Feline Cat](#)
9. [Food Lion](#)
10. [Foodtown](#)
11. [Giant Companion](#)
12. [Hannaford](#)
13. [Hill Country Fare](#)
14. [Hy-Vee](#)
15. [Iams](#)
16. [Laura Lynn](#)
17. [Li'l Red](#)
18. [Loving Meals](#)
19. [Meijer's Main Choice](#)
20. [Nutriplan](#)
21. [Nutro Max Gourmet
Classics](#)
22. [Nutro Natural Choice](#)
23. [Paws](#)
24. [Pet Pride](#)
25. [Presidents Choice](#)
26. [Price Chopper](#)
27. [Priority US](#)
28. [Save-A-Lot](#)
29. [Schnucks](#)
30. [Science Diet Feline
Savory Cuts Cans](#)
31. [Sophistacat](#)
32. [Special Kitty Canada](#)
33. [Special Kitty US](#)
34. [Springfield Prize](#)
35. [Sprout](#)
36. [Wegmans](#)
37. [Weis Total Pet](#)
38. [Western Family US](#)
39. [White Rose](#)
40. [Winn Dixie](#)



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1. [Americas Choice,
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2. [Authority](#)
3. [Award](#)
4. [Best Choice](#)
5. [Big Bet](#)
6. [Big Red](#)
7. [Bloom](#)
8. [Wegmans Bruiser](#)
9. [Cadillac](#)
10. [Companion](#)
11. [Demoulas Market
Basket](#)
12. [Eukanuba](#)
13. [Food Lion](#)
14. [Giant Companion](#)
15. [Great Choice](#)
16. [Hannaford](#)
17. [Hill Country Fare](#)
18. [Hy-Vee](#)
19. [Iams](#)
20. [Laura Lynn](#)
21. [Loving Meals](#)
22. [Meijers Main Choice](#)
23. [Mighty Dog Pouch](#)
24. [Mixables](#)
25. [Nutriplan](#)
26. [Nutro Max](#)
27. [Nutro Natural Choice](#)
28. [Nutro Ultra](#)
29. [Nutro](#)
30. [Ol'Roy Canada](#)
31. [Ol'Roy US](#)
32. [Paws](#)
33. [Pet Essentials](#)
34. [Pet Pride - Good n
Meaty](#)
35. [Presidents Choice](#)
36. [Price Chopper](#)
37. [Priority Canada](#)
38. [Priority US](#)
39. [Publix](#)
40. [Roche Brothers](#)
41. [Save-A-Lot](#)
42. [Schnucks](#)
43. [Shep Dog](#)
44. [Springfield Prize](#)
45. [Sprout](#)
46. [Stater Brothers](#)
47. [Weis Total Pet](#)
48. [Western Family US](#)
49. [White Rose](#)
50. [Winn Dixie](#)
51. [Your Pet](#)

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